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Executive Director Inspection Report **Minerals Regulatory Program** 

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Operator Name: Sawtooth #1 Quarry Operator Name: Sawtooth Stone, LLC  Inspector(s): Lynn Kunzler, DOGM Other Participants: None Mine Status: Active	Inspection Date: August 8, 2006 Time: 2:30 pm			
<b>Elements of Inspection</b>	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement	
<ol> <li>Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds</li> <li>Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)</li> <li>Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control</li> <li>Deleterious Material</li> <li>Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)</li> <li>Concurrent Reclamation</li> <li>Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls,</li> <li>Soils</li> <li>Revegetation</li> <li>Other</li> </ol>				

**Purpose of Inspection:** 

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Operator requested inspection to approve variance request.

## **Inspection Summary:**

- 1. The operator has applied for a large mining operation for this site and has responsed to the Division's review of the LMO. This response contains a variance request to leave road 'C' for post mining access. This segment of road was constructed to replace the old access to the property that traversed a seep area. The original road was reclaimed. While leaving access to the property is not in question for approving the variance, the nature of the new road is. The question is whether the road can remain as is, or whether it should be narrowed (partial reclamation)?
- 5. The road in question is about 0.5 miles long. Examination of the road found an average travel (surface) width of 10 feet. About 2/3 of the road distance was cut/fill with an average cut 3 feet and average width of cut 5 feet. The fill slope is about 2 feet high and 4 feet wide. There is one small turnout along the cut/fill portion where a vehicle could pull off to allow another to pass. The cut bank and fill slope have been vegetated.

## **Conclusions and Recommendations:**

The construction and condition of the road is not considered excessive for leaving it 'as is' for post mining access for the property owners. It is recommended that the requested variance to leave road C for post mining use be approved

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